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**SUBJECT:** Public invited to provide input on solid waste management issues  
Oct. 19 at Governor's task force meeting

MADISON – The Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Waste Materials Recovery and Disposal will meet in Waukesha on Oct. 19. Area residents are invited to provide input to task force members on solid waste management issues ranging from landfills and effective disposal to reduction, recycling, and reuse of materials.

The task force will meet Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Lee Sherman Dreyfus State Office Building, 141 NW Barstow St., Waukesha from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The task force will take public comments starting at 4:00 p.m.

Department of Natural Resources staff will give presentations to task force members on waste disposal trends in Wisconsin, including in-state and out-of-state waste, and comparing Wisconsin's recycling programs with those in neighboring states. Task force members also will break into smaller work groups to discuss environmental, land use and waste reduction issues related to waste material recovery and disposal.

The task force, which Governor Jim Doyle created by executive order earlier this year, is charged with studying and making recommendations regarding the economics of landfilling and recycling, maximizing the productive use of waste materials, and reducing the current environmental impacts and potential burdens to future generations caused by waste disposal and management practices.

The 18-member panel includes representatives from public interest groups, the waste and recycling industries, manufacturers and local governments. Task force recommendations are due to the Governor by the end of 2006.